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The Canton Municipal Court

2004 Annual Report

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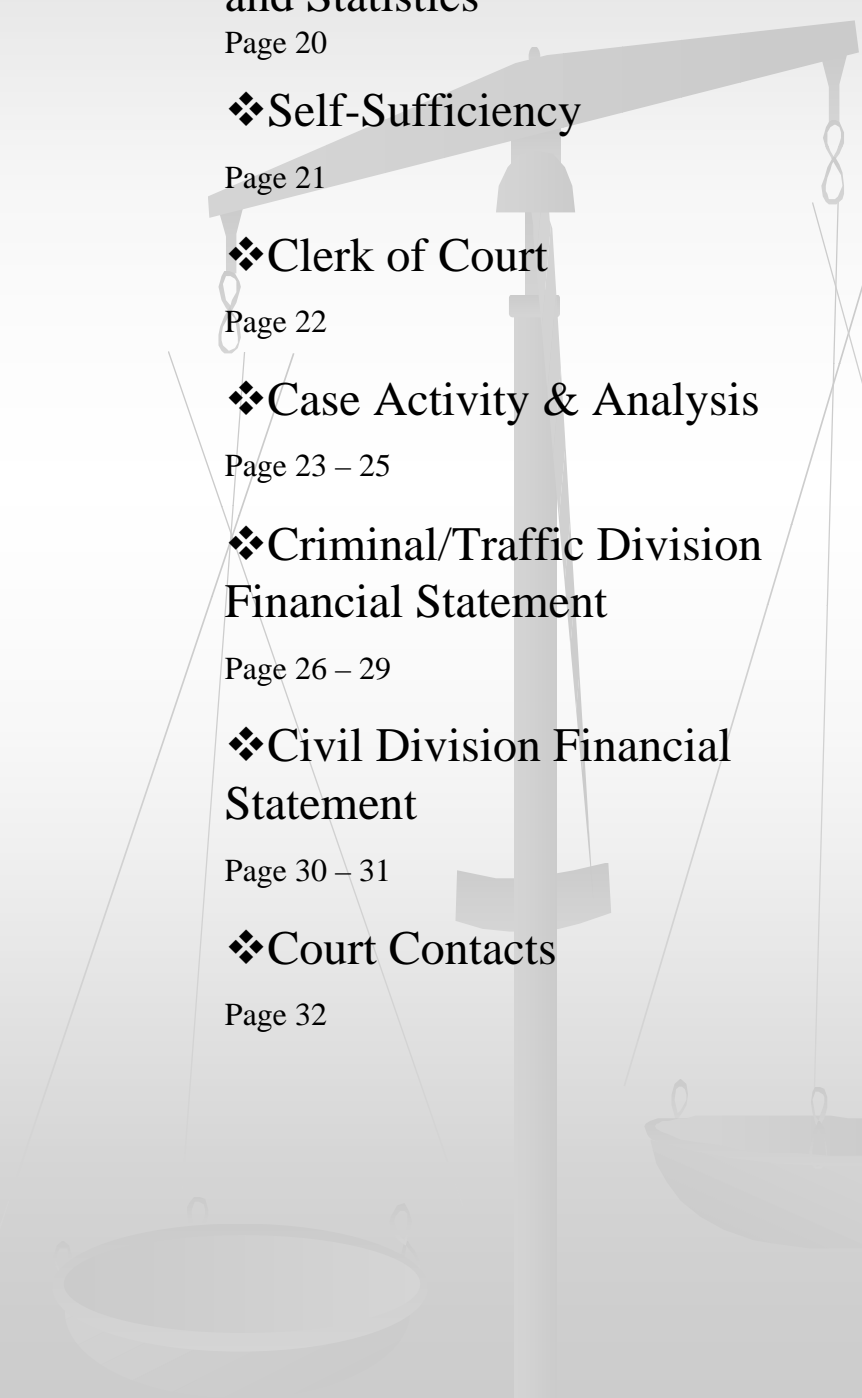
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The Canton Municipal Court

JUDGES

Honorable Mary A. Falvey
Honorable Richard J. Kubilus
Honorable John A. Poulos
Honorable Stephen F. Belden

MAGISTRATES

Lemuel R. Green
Taryn L. Heath

COURT ADMINISTRATOR

Michael E. Kochera

March 31, 2004

CANTON CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF CANTON, OHIO

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
STARK COUNTY, OHIO

Dear Council President, Honorable Members; and Honorable Commissioners;

As Court Administrator of the Canton Municipal Court, and on behalf of 2004 Administrative & Presiding Judge Richard J. Kubilus, Honorable Mary A. Falvey, Honorable John A. Poulos and Honorable Stephen F. Belden, we take this opportunity to present our Annual Report for 2004. Pursuant to Ohio Revised Code, Section 1901.14(A)(4), the Court shall compile year-end reports demonstrating the number of cases heard, decided and settled, as well as data deemed necessary by the Supreme Court of Ohio.

Therefore, enclosed you will find the report of all criminal and civil cases assigned, reactivated and terminated as well as all trial activity. In addition, enclosed is the Clerk of Court Financial Statement for the criminal, civil and traffic divisions for 2004.

Finally, on behalf of the Judges of the Court, I would like to take this opportunity to express our sincere gratitude and commend the Members of Canton City Council and the Mayor's Administration for sharing the vision of safer Municipal Court and City Hall. Through our combined efforts, the Municipal Court Security Project was implemented late in 2004. The implementation of this initiative has made the Canton Municipal Court and Canton City Hall a safer place for all those who work, visit and do business here.

In closing, on behalf of the Judges of the Canton Municipal Court, we would like to thank you for your continued cooperation and support.

Respectfully,

Michael E. Kochera
Court Administrator

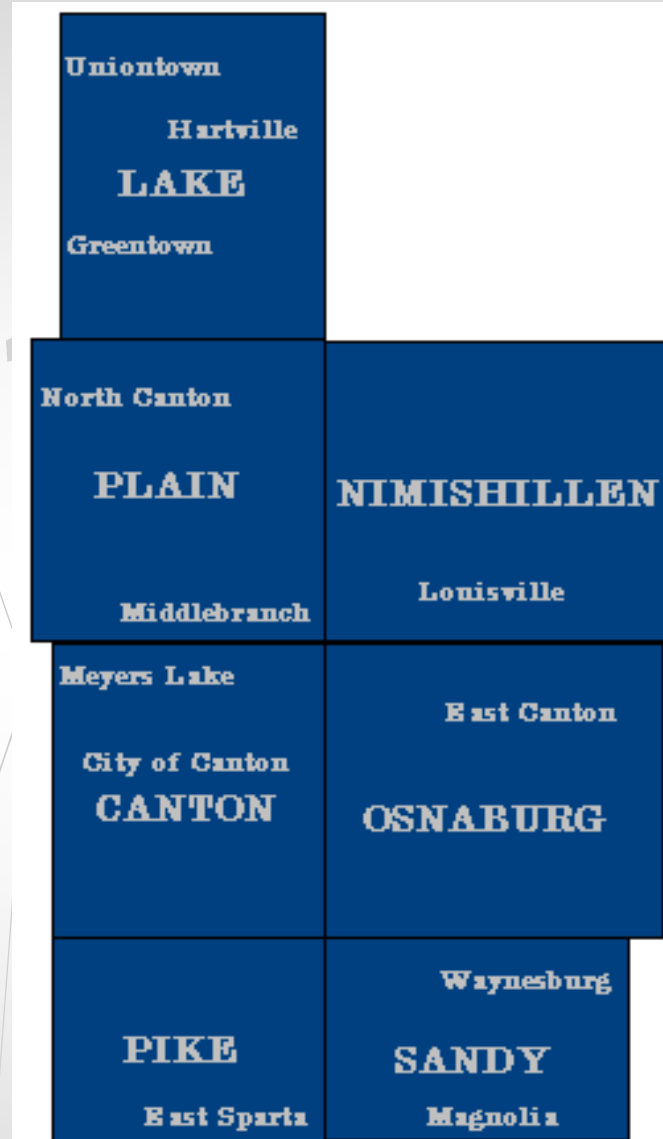
Jurisdiction & Organization

The Ohio Revised Code, Title 19, Chapter 1901 establishes and sets forth the authority and jurisdiction of the Canton Municipal Court. The Canton Municipal Court serves the Cities of Canton, North Canton and Louisville; the Townships of Canton, Lake, Nimishillen, Osnaburg, Pike, Plain and Sandy; and the Villages of East Canton, East Sparta, Greentown, Hartville, Magnolia, Meyers Lake, Middlebranch, North Industry, Uniontown and Waynesburg within Stark County.

The Canton Municipal Court is a limited jurisdiction court of record which has jurisdiction over any violation of City of Canton ordinance; any State of Ohio statutory misdemeanor or traffic violation; and jurisdiction to preside over preliminary hearings for felony cases committed within the geographic bounds of the Court. Jurisdiction also includes civil matters where the amount in dispute is \$15,000 or less and for small claims cases when the claim is \$3,000 or less.

The four Judges of the Court are elected to staggered six year terms on a nonpartisan ballot. A person seeking election or appointment to the Municipal Court bench must be an attorney with at least six years of experience in the practice of law. The Governor of the State of Ohio makes appointments to fill vacancies on the Municipal Court bench that occur between elections.

The Canton Municipal Court district serves a population of more than 200,000 citizens of Central Stark County and hears 30,000 cases annually.



Judge Mary A. Falvey



Judge Mary A. Falvey, has served as a Canton Municipal Court Judge since January 1991. Prior to that, she was a law partner with the firm Schulman, Mestel, Falvey and Burick Co. L.P.A. in Canton, Ohio, a firm whose primary focus was civil litigation.

Judge Falvey graduated from Fairmont West High School in Kettering, Ohio. She earned her B.S.S.W. *cum laude* from the Ohio State University in 1973. She received her Juris Doctorate from the University of Akron in 1979.

Judge Falvey has been active in many civic and charitable organizations. She has served as a member of Big Brothers Big Sisters Advisory Board since 1992. She is a member of the Junior League of Canton. Judge Falvey has been the district coordinator for the Ohio Mock Trial program since 1994.

She has served as a member of the University of Akron Law Alumni Association. She is also a member of the Stark County Community Corrections Planning Board and the Canton Municipal Court Domestic Violence Council. She is also a member of the Ohio State Bar Association, The Stark County Bar Association and the Municipal Court Judges Association.

Prior to becoming a lawyer, Judge Falvey worked as a social worker at Massillon State Hospital for six years.

Judge Richard J. Kubilus

Judge Richard J. Kubilus has served as a Canton Municipal Court Judge since January 1993. Prior to that time, he served as a law partner with Lesh, Casner & Miller Co. in private practice. In his private practice, he had fifteen years of trial experience involving commercial and civil litigation, real estate, business organization and family planning matters. He also served as a Plain Township Trustee from September 1990 through December 1992.

After graduating from Walsh Jesuit High School in Stow, Ohio, Judge Kubilus earned his BA *cum laude* from the University of Akron in 1974. He received his Juris Doctorate from the University of Dayton School of Law in 1978. He is married to his wife Linda, with one son Eric.

Judge Kubilus is active in many community and charitable organizations. He has served as a Board Member of the Community Harvest, the North Canton Rotary Club and the Stark County Bar Association. He is a former group leader of the Boy Scouts Law Explorer Post, and has served as member of the Stark County Children Services Committee, the Pro Football Hal of Fame Enshrinement Committee, the United Way Allocation Committee, St. Paul's Church and the Unique Club. Judge Kubilus is a graduate of Leadership Stark County. Judge Kubilus is also a member of the Ohio State Bar Association and the Municipal Court Judges Association.



Judge John A. Poulos

Canton Municipal Court Judge John A. Poulos grew up in the southeast section of Canton, Ohio. He graduated from Hartford Grade School and Canton McKinley High School.



After graduating from high school, Judge Poulos went to work in the factory at Diebold, Inc. on Mulberry Road Southeast. Judge Poulos was a former member of Boilermakers' Local 1191. He was also able to work his way through college at the University of Akron where he received both his undergraduate degree and Juris Doctorate.

Judge Poulos was elected to the Canton Municipal Court as Judge beginning January 1, 1994. Prior to that time, he was the Chief Prosecuting Attorney for the Canton Municipal Court District and a partner in the law firm of Kaschak and Poulos Co. L.P.A. Judge Poulos successfully represented the cities of Canton, Louisville and North Canton and the Townships of Canton, Lake, Nimishillen, Osnaburg, Pike, Plain and Sandy in his thirteen year career as a Prosecuting Attorney. He now proudly serves as a judicial representative of the above districts.

Judge John A. Poulos is the Chairman of the Canton Municipal Court Domestic Violence Council, Chairman of the Stark County Community Corrections Planning Board, Subcommittee on Community Service and the Chairman of the Stark County Bar Association, Municipal Courts Committee. He also serves as a board member of the Downtown YMCA, Community Drop-in Center and the Canton Police Advisory Board.

Judge John A. Poulos is a member of St. Haralambos Greek Orthodox Church, member of the Canton McKinley Alumni Association, a member of the YMCA Athletic Club and a member of the Canton Ex-Newsboys' Association.

Judge Poulos is married to the former Janine Sue Richardson, who is a licensed practical nurse and a graduate of Glenwood High School.

Judge Stephen F. Belden

Judge Stephen F. Belden has been a Judge of the Canton Municipal Court since January 3, 1997. Prior to his service with the Court, he was a partner with Vogelgesang, Howes, Lindamood & Brunn in Canton, specializing in civil litigation. From 1983 to 1987, judge Belden was a partner with Belden, Fogei & Kauser in Charleston, South Carolina.

Judge Belden, a canton native, received his BA *summa cum laude* from Marquette University in 1976 and his Juris Doctorate from Case Western Reserve University in 1979. He is a Commander in the Judge Advocate General Corps in the U.S. Naval Reserve, and served on active duty from 1979 to 1983, mostly as a trial counsel (prosecutor) at the Naval Legal Service Office in Charleston, South Carolina. Judge Belden is licensed to practice law in Ohio and South Carolina, and their respective U.S. District and circuit court of Appeal. He is married to the former Kathleen Kerr, and the father of two children.

Judge Belden is active in many civic and charitable organizations. He is presently the President of the Board of Catholic Charities of Stark County, the Vice Chairman of the African American Community Development Corporation, the immediate past Chairman of the Mayor's literacy Commission, and a Trustee of the Stark County Bluecoats, an organization that provides financial assistance to the families of law enforcement officers. He is also a member of the Canton Rotary Club, the Ohio Bar Association and the Stark County Bar Association.



Court Administrator

The Judges of the Court appoint one Court Administrator to manage and oversee the operations of the Court. The Court Administrator reports directly to the Judges of the Court and is responsible for the development and implementation of all court programs, policies and procedures and the general supervision of the Court Magistrates, Probation Department, Bailiff's Office, Community Service Department, Jury Commissioner, Assignment Coordinator and related clerical and support staff.



Michael E. Kochera
Court Administrator

Administrative functions of the Court Administrator include: preparation and management of the annual court budget, grant management, personnel and human resource administration, contractual services, coordination of technology, procurement of equipment and supplies, facility management, review and analysis of statistical reports and departmental performance and liaison with local, county and state government, courts and the public.

Recognition

In July 2004, Administrative Assistant Sheila M. Taylor was awarded the Director's Professional Achievement Award presented by Dr. Reginald Wilkinson, Director of the Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Correction. This Award is presented annually to one of 150 Project Directors across the State for their significant contributions to the field of community corrections. Sheila was presented the award for her years of dedicated service while serving as the Project Director for the Court's Jail Diversion Grant Program.



The Canton Municipal Court

Mary A. Falvey, Judge
Dori Christ, Administrative Asst.
Beulah Wesley, Bailiff

Richard J. Kubilus, Judge
Deborah Reichel, Administrative Asst.
Derek C. McClowry, Bailiff

John A. Poulos
Administrative & Presiding Judge
Judy Corrente, Administrative Asst.
Denise Fishel, Bailiff

Stephen F. Belden, Judge
Bernice Bricker, Administrative Asst.
VACANT, Bailiff

Michael E. Kochera, Court Administrator
Sheila M. Taylor, Administrative Asst.

Lemuel R. Green, Magistrate

Taryn L. Heath, Magistrate

Gretchen Stocker
Legal Research

John C. Berbelis
Chief of Probation

Timothy C. Reichel
Chief Bailiff

Angela S. Harry
Community Service
Director

Diane Blessing
Assignment Coordinator

VACANT
Jury Commissioner

Senior Probation Officer

Rob Rastetter

Probation Officers

Judith Lombardi

Chris Kousagan

Ashley Stewart

House Arrest Officer

Marlyn Zerby

Probation Secretaries

Terri Conrad

Patty Harrison

Deputy Bailiffs

Tom Snelbaker

Gino Millin

Al Leno

Jeffrey Smith

Court Security

Bailiffs

Bernard H. McLeroy

Donavan S. Davidson

Court Information

Marlene Bannister

Bailiff Clerk

Danielle Briggs

Community Sanctions
Officers

Agatha Johnson

Lindsay Trent

Community Sanctions
Supervisors

Jack Nicholson

Peterz Burt

Probation Department

Probation, pro-ba'-shen, n.. *The process or period in which a person's fitness, as for membership in society is tested.* American Collegiate Dictionary, 2001.

Probation supervision has evolved tremendously since 1841, when a Boston shoe cobbler named John Augustus convinced a Boston Police Magistrate to release a drunkard into his custody rather than send him to prison.

One-hundred and sixty-four years later, Probation or Community Control as it is now known, it the most frequently imposed criminal sentence rendered in courts across the United States.



John C. Berbelis
Chief of Probation

Although the primary role of the Canton Municipal Court Probation Department continues to be the community control supervision of offenders and the enforcement of court orders, there are a myriad of other vital functions the Probation Department performs. Probation Officers conduct field contacts with offenders at their homes, places of employment and at counseling and other appointments in addition to seeing offenders as frequently as weekly in the office. Probation Officers also perform random drug and alcohol testing on offenders, conduct pre-sentence investigations and expungement investigations, supervise curfew compliance and oversee the collection and payment of restitution to crime victims.

However, the role of the Probation Department is not simply enforcement. Probation Officers also serve as advocates for offenders under supervision. Probation Officers assist offenders in accessing services in the community such as counseling services, employment and vocational services, educational services, adequate housing and medical treatment services.

The Probation Department, Court and Community as a whole have a vested interest in assisting offenders in the rehabilitation process in order to prevent them from becoming re-involved in the criminal justice system and consequently a further expense to the tax-paying public. Helping to provide offenders the tools necessary to become productive members of the community is the cornerstone of successful Probation supervision and intervention.

Probation Department

Restitution

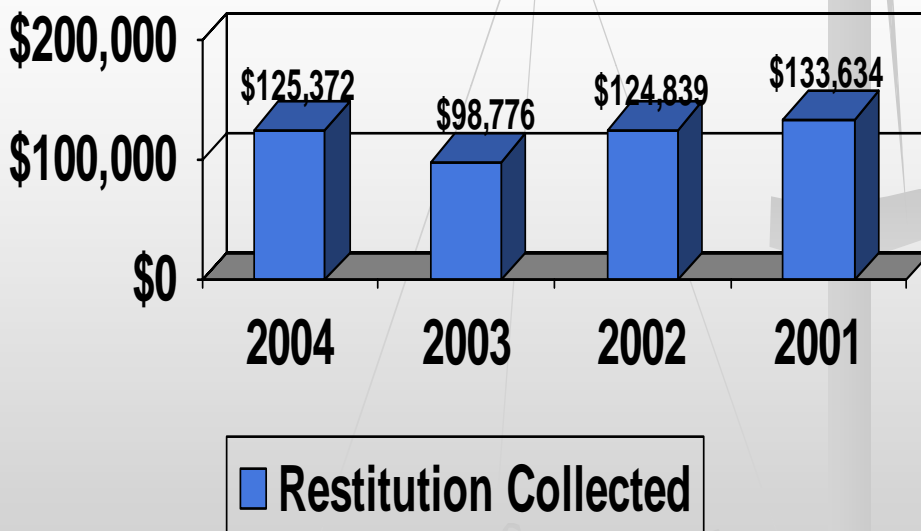


Probation Officer Chris Kousagan, Chief of Probation John Berbelis, Senior Probation Officer Rob Rastetter, Probation Officer Judy Lombardi, Probation Officer Ashley Stewart, Secretary Patty Harrison, Secretary Terri Conrad

During 2004, the Municipal Court Probation Department collected a total of \$125,372.29 in restitution for victims of crime. This amount far exceeds amounts collected by probation departments of significantly larger jurisdictions and court with staff designated for the collection of restitution.

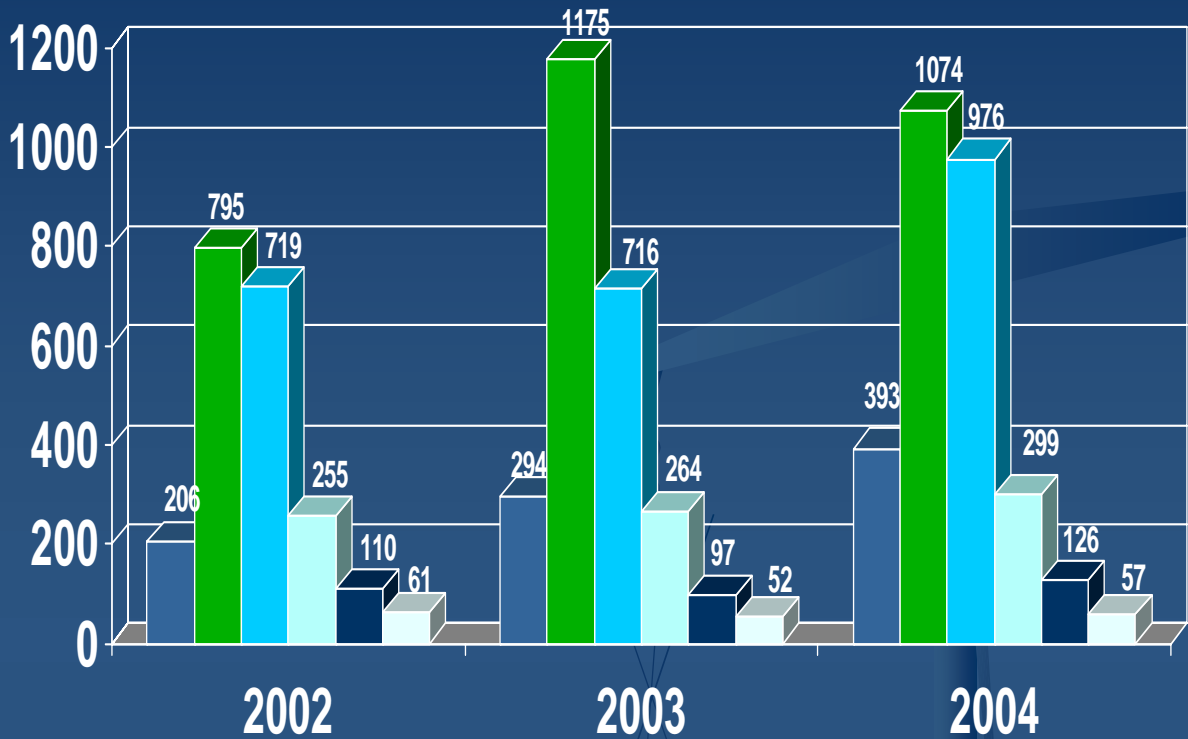
Since 2001, the Municipal Probation Department has collected and distributed nearly a half a million dollars in restitution to victims of crime.

The Probation Department is to be commended for their continued efforts and dedication to victims of crimes.



Probation Department

Probation Case Activity by Year



- Community Control Supervision
- Monitored Cases (Court-Ordered Counseling)
- Restitution Investigations
- Supervised Restitution
- Expungement Investigations
- Pre-Sentence Investigations

Probation Department

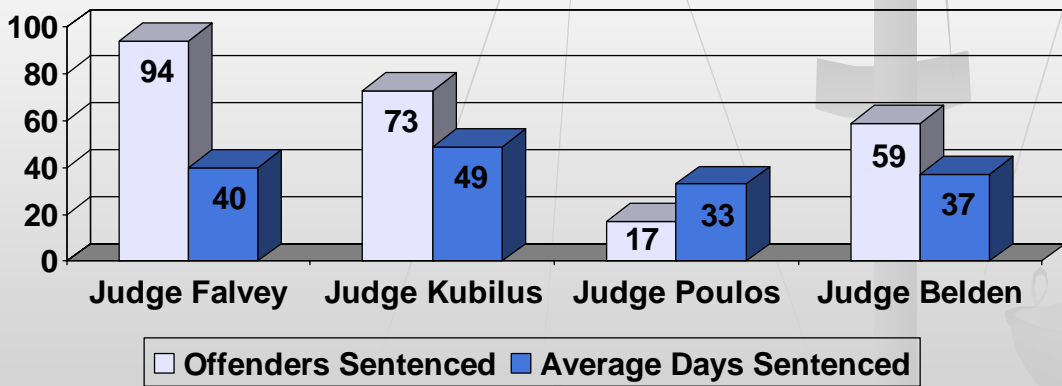
Electronically Monitored House Arrest

In an effort to reduce costs and operate as efficiently as possible, the Court seized an opportunity to consolidate the Electronically Monitored House Arrest (EMHA) program with the Probation Department in 2004. Probation Officer Judy Lombardi accepted the challenge and now manages a caseload of house arrest cases in addition to her probation caseload.

The EMHA program utilizes an array of available technology to restrict an offender to the confines of his/her residence. The offender is outfitted with a tamper-proof transmitter, typically in the form of an ankle bracelet, which transmits on a designated frequency that monitors the offenders whereabouts. The House Arrest Officer receives up to the minute information on the offender and is able to adjust the offenders terms of confinement for counseling appointments, work privileges and other court approved obligations.

The EMHA program provides the Judges of the Court another valuable, community based alternative to a jail sentence, thus freeing up jail bed space for serious and repeat offenders.

During 2004, 243 offenders were sentenced to 10,230 days of electronically monitored house arrest, averaging 42 days per offender.



Community Service Department



Angela S. Harry

Community Service Director

With jail bed space a premium and reserved for serious and repeat offenders, the Community Service Department offers the Judges of the Court a community-based sanction alternative to a jail sentence for non-violent and first time offenders.

The Canton Municipal Court Community Service Department operates under the philosophy that offenders performing volunteer work service within their community not only serves to repay a wrong or debt to the community, but allows the offender to have a personal investment in the end product of a better community.

The Community Service Department has developed relationships and inter-agency agreements with several dozen charitable and non-profit organizations throughout Stark County as well as working relationships with various City Departments. The role of the Community Service Department is to screen and place offenders sentenced to community service into these sites to perform volunteer community work service. Offenders are supervised by Court Community Sanctions Supervisors or individual agency personnel or a combination of both while performing community work service.

The Community Service Department also operates it own Road Crew. Offenders assigned to the Road Crew are directly supervised by the Community Sanctions Supervisors from 8:00am till 2:00 pm, Monday through Friday. While assigned to Road Crew, offenders perform work for various City departments as well as lawn maintenance and snow removal for the elderly and disabled within the Courts jurisdiction.

Community Service Department



Community Sanctions Officer Agatha Johnson, Community Service Director Angela Harry and Community Sanctions Officer Lindsay Trent

As cited, one of the intended purposes of the Community Work Service Program is to provide the Judges of the Court a community based sanction alternative to Jail, thus freeing up valuable jail bed space for serious and repeat offenders.

During calendar year 2004, 2,510 offenders were sentenced to 140,120 hours of supervised Community Work Service. If not for the Community Work Service Program and had those 2,510 offenders been sentenced to jail, they would have consumed a total of 112,950 jail bed days. Those 112,950 jail bed days at the Sheriff's cost of \$80 per day, per bed translates to a potential savings of \$9,036,000.

Based on the number of community service hours completed by offenders, supervised by the Community Service Department in 2004, translated in terms of labor at minimum wage, represents a total of \$410,377.75 of labor services provided to these agencies.

A further analysis of work assigned in 2004 illustrates that approximately 45% or 63,054 hours of community service assigned, was performed for various City Departments.

Bailiff's Office

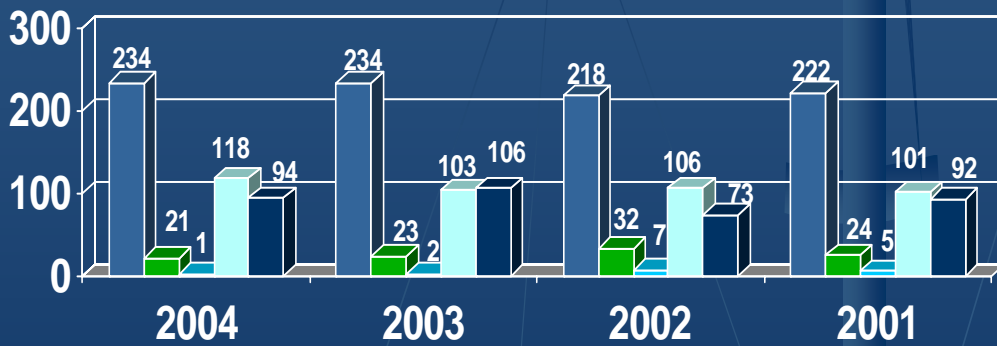
The Bailiff's Office, under the direction of Chief Bailiff Tim Reichel is composed to two separate divisions, Judicial Bailiff Division and Deputy Bailiff division.

The Judicial Bailiff's serve as personal Bailiff to each of the Court's four Judges. The primary responsibilities of the Judicial Bailiff's includes maintaining security in the courtroom, the orderly flow of cases on the daily docket, completion of required case documentation and the operation of the court recording devices. In addition, during trials the Judicial Bailiff's swear in witnesses, handle and mark exhibits and record the proceedings.



Chief Bailiff Tim Reichel

Trial Activity by Year



Legend: Total Trials (dark blue), Criminal Jury Trials (green), Civil Jury Trials (light blue), Criminal Trials to Court (dark blue), Civil Trials to Court (light blue)

Bailiff's Office

Court Deputy Bailiff's also provide vital and statutory services for the Court and the local criminal justice system. The Court utilizes three Deputy Bailiff's for the service of summons, subpoenas and other court papers to the general public. These official notices are served not only on behalf of the Court, but also for the City of Canton Law Department and Prosecutor's Office. During 2004, these Deputy Bailiffs served 14,747 papers and logged 42,351 accident-free miles.

Bailiff's Office Statistics		
Activity	2004	2003
Forcible Entry & Detainer	2636	2528
Judgment Debtor Exams	59	72
Show Cause, Summons, Fifteen Day Demands	1302	1133
Small Claims	29	22
Executions	11	17
Sales	7	9
Alias Writs	866	793
Evictions	512	467
Subpoenas	8346	8174
Garnishments	979	1173
Total Service	14747	14388



Deputy Bailiffs Gino Millin, Al Leno and Tom Snelbaker

The Deputy Bailiffs are also responsible for the oversight and supervision of all evictions within the Court jurisdiction. Upon the completion of the court hearings and legal procedures during the eviction process, the Deputy Bailiff's serve as legal stewards to gain entry and take possession of the property on behalf of the property owners.

During 2004, the Deputy Bailiff's served 2,636 Forcible Detainers resulting in 866 Alias Writs and 512 Evictions.

Bailiff's Office

Court Security

After more than two and a half years of planning by the Local Court Security Oversight Committee and as the result of a shared vision of a safer Municipal Court and City Hall, the Canton Municipal Court Security program was implemented in 2004.

With the cooperation of the City of Canton Mayor's Office and Administration as well as Canton City Council, the court security plan not only secured the Municipal Court, but provided the ability to screen and search all those who visit or do business at Canton Municipal Court and Canton City Hall.



Court Security Bailiffs Donavan Davidson, Jeffrey Smith and Bernard McLeroy

2004 Local Court Security Oversight Committee

Michael E. Kochera, Chairman Canton Municipal Court	Judge John A. Poulos Canton Municipal Court
Judge Stephen F. Belden Canton Municipal Court	Randy Gonzalez Clerk of Court's Office
Joseph J. Concatto City of Canton Service Director	Joseph Martuccio Canton Law Director
Bernard L. Hunt City of Canton Safety Director	Chief Dean McKimm Canton Police Department
Daniel Milsap Canton Building Maintenance	Timothy C. Reichel Canton Municipal Court
Lt. William Garmen Canton Police, Jail Administrator	VACANT, Stark County Bar Association

In addition to operating the x-ray screening device and magnetometer, the Court Security Bailiffs screen and search all visitors to the Court/City Hall, respond to security situations within the Court, assist in escorting prisoners and taking offenders into custody.

The Court Security Bailiff's have been trained and certified in unarmed-self defense tactics, first-aid, CPR, use and deployment of oleoresin capsicum (OC) spray as well as emergency procedures and critical incident management. The Court Security Bailiffs are scheduled to attend the Bailiff Training Academy at the Ohio Peace Officer Training Academy in London, Ohio spring 2005.

Court Magistrate's

The Canton Municipal Court employs the services of two part-time Court Magistrates to undertake specific judicial duties as prescribed by the Supreme Court of Ohio. Magistrate's Lemuel R. Green and Taryn L. Heath preside over criminal and traffic minor misdemeanor cases Monday through Friday from 8:30 am till 12:00 noon; Night Court on the first and third Wednesday of each month at 6:00pm; Small Claims Court each Wednesday at 1:00pm as well as Probable Cause Hearings at the Stark County Jail every weekend. Magistrates also conduct wage garnishment hearings; forcible entry and detainer motions (first cause of action eviction hearings) and small claims complaints requesting judgment for no more than three-thousand dollars.

All of these proceedings are docketed by a written report of the Magistrate stating their finding of fact and conclusions of law. These reports are then reviewed by the any Judge of the Court who finalizes a Judgment Entry with the Judges approval and confirmation.



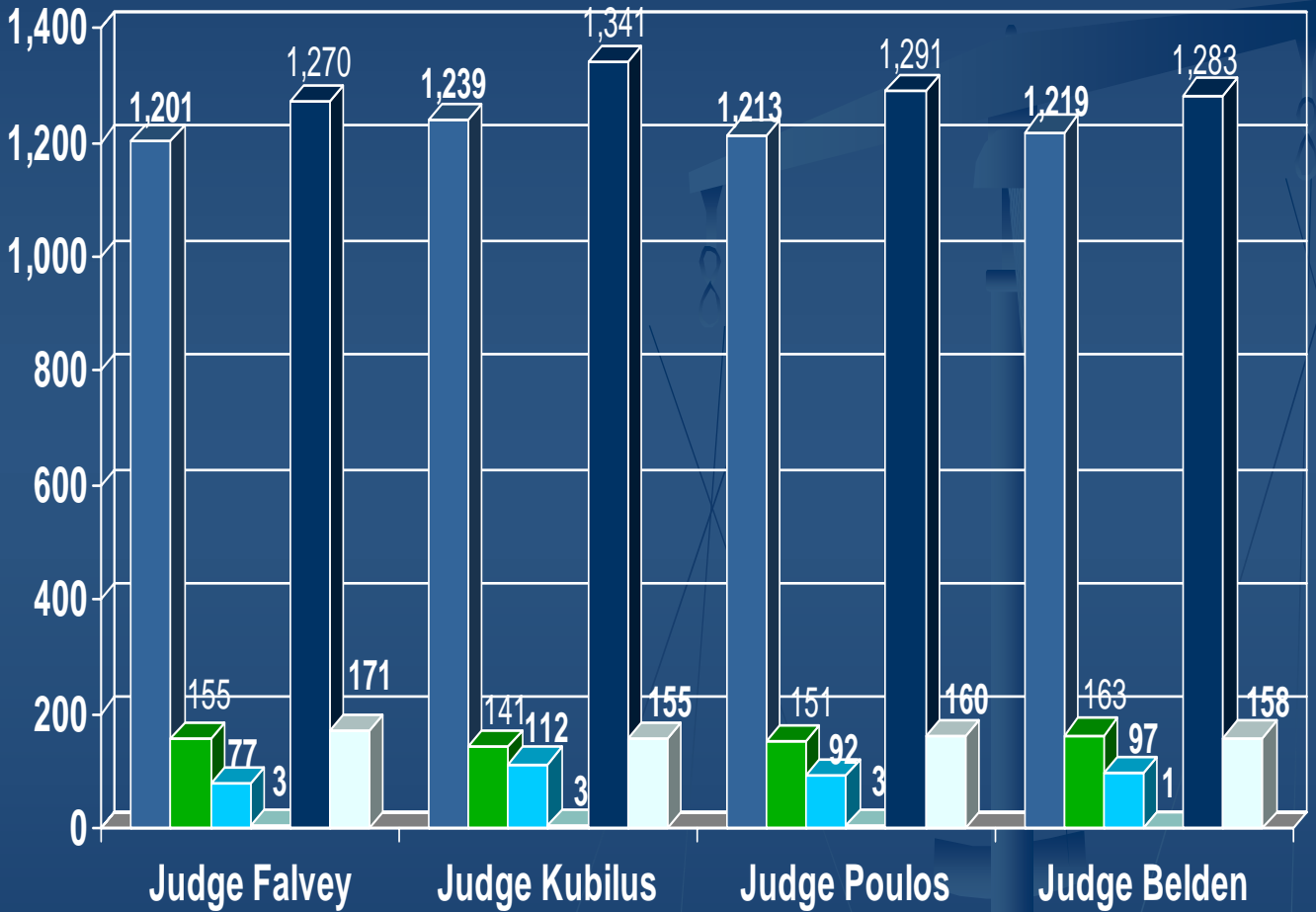
Magistrate Lem
Green



Magistrate Taryn
Heath

Magistrate's Statistics		
Cases Heard	2004	2003
Criminal Minor Misdemeanors	129	145
Traffic Minor Misdemeanors	5265	5089
Forcible Entry & Detainers	1824	1852
Small Claims	671	751
Bank/Wage Attachment Hearings	240	196
Damage Hearings	121	72
Contracts	5	3
Total Cases Heard*	8255	8108
*Figure represents total cases heard, not total cases filed		

2004 Case Assignment & Terminations



■ Criminal Cases Assigned (4,872)

■ Criminal Cases Reactivated (378)

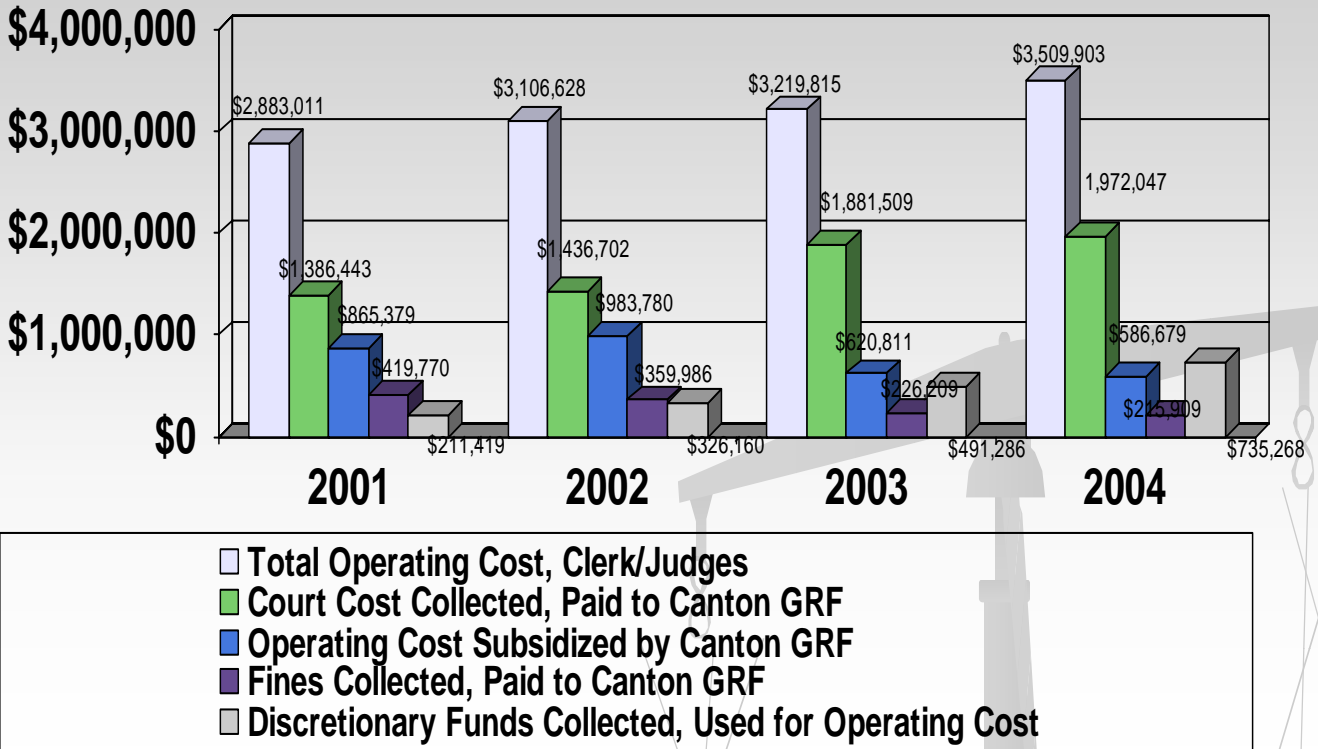
■ Criminal Cases Terminated (5,185)

■ Civil Cases Assigned (610)

■ Civil Cases Reactivated (10)

■ Civil Cases Terminated (644)

Self-Sufficiency



In response to the City of Canton’s declining revenue and in an effort to become even more self-sufficient, during 2004 the Court increased the distribution of court costs to the City of Canton General Revenue Fund (GRF). In addition, the Court diverted more of its operating cost from the City GRF to Court Discretionary Funds in order to further ease the financial burden to the City. In doing so, the Court deferred a significant portion of its operating expenses to those who utilize the court system as opposed to relying on tax-payer dollars. The net result of these changes reduced the Court dependence on the City GRF to only 16% of all operating costs in 2004.

A further analysis of the Court’s operating costs over the past four years demonstrates a steady decrease in the Court’s GRF dependence with marked increases in Court Discretionary Fund spending and court costs collected by the Court, paid to the GRF.

Finally, the decrease in revenue in Fines paid to the GRF over the past four years is directly attributable and proportionate to the decrease in traffic citations being issued within the Court jurisdiction.

Clerk of Court

Tom Harmon, is a lifetime resident of Stark County. He graduated from Canton Lincoln High School and immediately stated a career in banking, while attending the University of Akron and later Walsh College. Tom was elected Clerk of the Canton Municipal Court in 1983 and has been re-elected four times. Tom Harmon is only the third elected Clerk since the mid 1920's.



Tom Harmon
Clerk of Court

The Clerk's Office and Court were comprised of bound books, registers and paper ledgers when Tom Harmon took office. Within a short time he completely automated the Dockets, Indexes and all financial aspects of the office. A few years later, Tom became one of the first Clerks in the State to open the Court to the public by going online with the creation of www.cantontcourt.org. Tom also participated in coordination with other elected Clerks of Stark County and joined the Criminal Justice Information System (CJIS). The Stark County CJIS is a combined database for the Court of Common Pleas along with the Municipal Court of Canton, Massillon, and Alliance, and is a model for the State of Ohio.

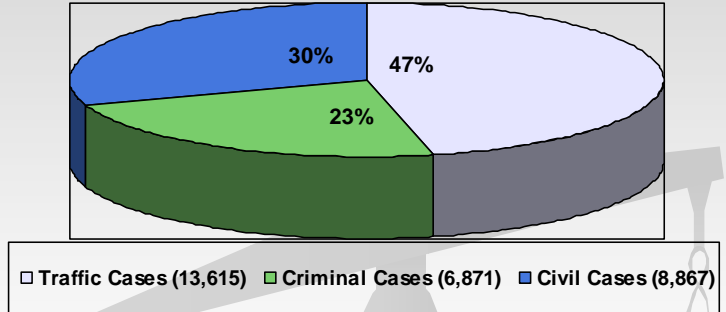
Through automation and accountability to the public, the Clerk's Office has fewer employees today than it did 20 years ago. Tom Harmon is certified by Kent State University in the Ohio Association of Municipal Court Clerks Professional Development Program. Tom resides in Stark County with his wife Carlene, is the father of one son, Lance and one grandson, Sean.

2004 Case Activity

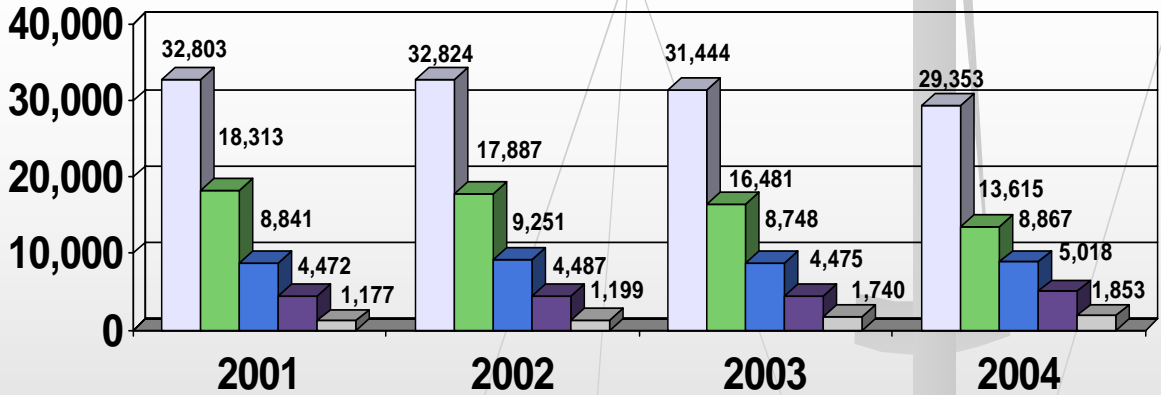
The Canton Municipal Court serves more than 200,000 residents of central Stark County. The following charts and graphs illustrate the types and numbers of cases filed in the Canton Municipal Court during 2004.

29,353 cases were filed during 2004.

Breakdown of Filings for 2004



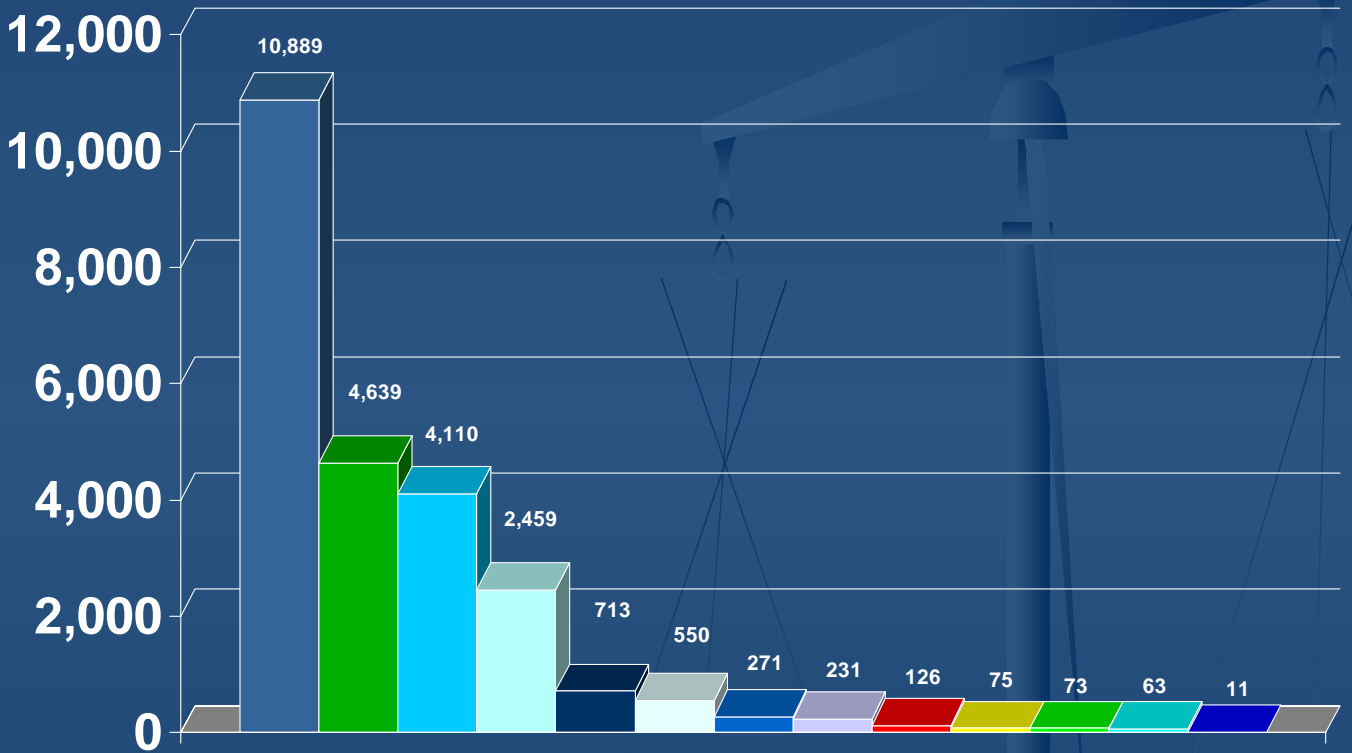
Case Comparison by Year



- Total Cases
- Traffic Cases
- Civil Cases
- Criminal Misdemeanor Cases
- Criminal Felony Cases

2004 Case Activity

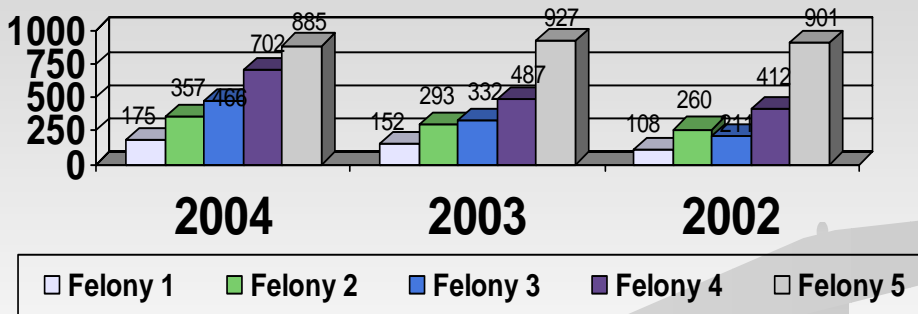
2004 Filings by Jurisdiction



City of Canton (10,889)	Ohio Highway Patrol (4,639)	Stark County Sheriff (4,110)	Plain Township (2,459)
Uniontown (713)	North Canton (550)	Louisville (271)	Sandy Township (231)
East Canton (126)	Magnolia (75)	Waynesburg (73)	Hartville (63)
East Sparta (11)			

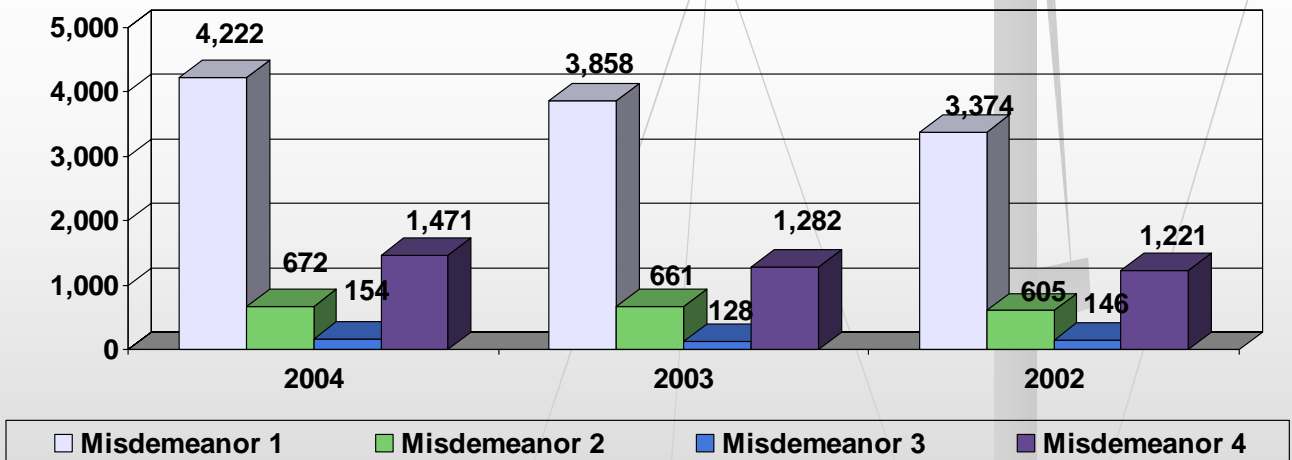
Case Comparisons

Felony Cases



Although the total cases filed in 2004 were down 7% as compared to 2003, the number of felony charges filed rose dramatically, from 2,191 in 2003 to 2585 or 18% in 2004.

Criminal Misdemeanor Cases



Similarly, criminal misdemeanor charges also spiked 10% in 2004, from 5,939 in 2003 to 6,519 in 2004.

Criminal/Traffic Financial Statement

Receipts from January 1, 2004 – December 31, 2004

Balance on Hand – 12/31/2003	52,147.51
Balance on Hand – Interest 12/31/2003	8.74
Advance Deposits	4,176.00
Advanced Reparations & Defender Fund	41,169.00
Board of Health	826.00
BMV Fee	13,770.20
Capital Improvement/Special Projects Fund	88,180.71
Capital Recovery Systems	43,210.11
Capital Recovery Systems NSF	(198.20)
Cash Bonds	445,542.21
Child Restraint/Safety	237.00
City Cases – Costs	1,225,995.44
City Cases – Fines	157,610.82
City Cases – Forfeitures	-
Computer Fees	128,355.25
County Expungement	1,760.00
CP Costs – Stark County Clerk of Court	3,630.50
Department of Natural Resources	135.00
House Arrest and Detention	40,032.36
Interest Earned	501.53
Legal Research	5,978.39
Liquor Law Violations	4,666.00

Mandatory Drug Violations	37,812.50
Mayor's Courts	2,140.40
Municipal Probation Services	181,523.59
NSF's Uncollectible	(2,969.80)
Overages	168.72
Probation Restitution	125,573.37
Public Defenders Fund	206,610.40
Refunds	9,947.56
Seatbelt Violations	43,736.00
Sheriff of Stark County – Sheriff Fees	5,069.20
Sheriff's Receiving/Discharge Fees	25,648.36
Stark County Treasurer – Commissioner Fund	-
State Cases – Costs	-
State Cases – Expungement	2,670.00
State Cases – Fines	277,875.92
State Cases – Forfeitures	-
State Highway Patrol – Fines	241,805.32
State Highway Patrol – Forfeitures	-
Telecomputer Business Service – Collections	22,161.30
Victims of Crime	127,827.04
Witness Fees	3,674.25
Total Receipts & Balance Forward	3,569,008.70

Criminal/Traffic Financial Statement

Disbursements From January 1, 2004 – December 31, 2004

Treasurer, State of Ohio	
50% State Highway Patrol Fines	96,943.96
50% State Highway Patrol Forfeitures	-
½ Liquor Law Violations	2,333.00
Child Restraint HP	389.75
Child Restraint S1	155.00
Child Restraint/Safety	237.00
Expungement	2,670.00
Public Defenders Fund	206,610.40
Seatbelt Violations	43,736
Victims of Crime	127,827.04
Law Enforcement Education Fund HP	10,781.60
Highway Patrol Forfeiture-Law Enforcement Education	-
BMV Fee LF	13,770.20
SUBTOTAL	505,453.95

Treasurer, Stark County	
10% State Highway Patrol Fines	19,496.31
10% Forfeitures (M07)	-
½ Liquor Law Violations	2,333.00
Commissioners Fund	-
OVI Prisoner Housing Fund HP	17,036.05
OVI Prisoner Housing Fund S1	18,287.70
OVI Prisoner Housing Fund C1	5,785.70
Expungement	1,760.00
House Arrest & Detention	40,032.36
State Cases – Fines	183,215.18
State Cases – Forfeitures	110.90
Witness Fees	3,563.35
SUBTOTAL	219,630.55

Criminal/Traffic Financial Statement

Disbursements From January 1, 2004 – December 31, 2004

Treasurer, City of Canton	
40% State Highway Patrol Fines	78,522.75
40% Highway Forfeitures (M07)	-
Capital Improvement/Special Projects Fund	88,180.71
City Cases – Costs	1,223,025.64
City Cases – Fines	145,270.22
Less: Law Library	(7,883.87)
Total City Cases – Fines	137,386.35
City Cases – Forfeitures	-
Indigent Driver Alcohol Treatment Fund S1	9,508.63
Indigent Driver Alcohol Treatment Fund HP	10,726.90
Indigent Driver Alcohol Treatment Fund C1	2,562.40
Interest Disbursed IN	510.27
Law Enforcement Fund S1	60.00
Law Enforcement Fund C1	218.00
Municipal Probation Service Fund	181,523.59
Overage	168.72
State Cases – Costs	-
Computer Fees	128,355.25
Legal Research Fund	5,978.39
Prisoner Treatment Fund S1	2,809.80
Prisoner Treatment Fund HP	7,908.00
Prisoner Treatment Fund C1	887.00
SUBTOTAL	1,878,332.40

Mayor's Court Distribution	
Hartville	222.00
Louisville	422.00
North Canton	1,214.00
Waynesburg	80.00
East Canton	146.40
East Sparta	0.00
Magnolia	56.00
SUBTOTAL	2,140.40

Township Distribution	
Lake	7,438.56
Plain	17,977.60
Sandy	1,705.50
Stark County Law Library	27,121.65
SUBTOTAL	54,243.31

Criminal/Traffic Financial Statement

Disbursements From January 1, 2004 – December 31, 2004

Mandatory Drug Violation Distribution	
Canton Police Department	14,735.00
City of Louisville	450.00
Ohio Board of Pharmacy	14,929.50
Ohio State Highway Patrol	2,871.00
Sheriff of Stark County – Plain	2,951.00
Uniontown (Lake)	351.00
City of North Canton	725.00
Village of East Canton	350.00
Village of Magnolia (Sandy & East Sparta)	450.00
Village of Waynesburg	-
SUBTOTAL	37,812.50

Law Enforcement Education Fund Distribution	
Magnolia Police Department (Sandy & East Sparta)	730.20
Canton Police Department	4,043.20
East Canton Police Department	390.00
Waynesburg Police Department	285.00
Hartville Police Department	185.00
Louisville Police Department	716.00
North Canton Police Department	1,742.00
Uniontown Police Department (Lake)	427.50
Stark County Sheriff (Plain)	3,954.90
SUBTOTAL	12,473.80

Other Disbursements and Balance Forward	
Advanced Deposits	3,156.00
Advanced Reparations & Defender Fund	41,073.00
Board of Health – City	676.00
Board of Health – County	150.00
CP Costs – Stark County Clerk of Courts	3,630.50
Cash Bonds	448,731.71
Capital Recovery Systems	43,011.92
Department of Natural Resources	135.00
Probation/Restitution	125,372.29
Sheriff's Receiving/Discharge Fee	25,648.36
Refunds	9,947.56
Sheriff's Fees	5,069.20
Stark County Law Library	7,883.87
Telecomputer Business Services	22,161.30
SUBTOTAL	736,646.71
Balance on Hand 12/31/2004	50,275.08
Balance on Hand – Interest 12/31/2004	-
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS & BALANCE FORWARD	786,921.79

Civil Division Financial Statement

Receipts From January 1, 2004 – December 31, 2004

Previous Balance on Hand 12/31/2003	10,136.76	Judgments	1,788,656.47
Previous Balance on Hand 12/31/2003- INT	4.47	Jury Demand	8,400.00
		Legal Aid	118,419.77
Advanced Court Costs	1,917.99	Marriage Fees	1,920.00
Advertising	-	Money Released to Defendant	66,789.78
Agency Report	660.00	Motions	7,616.71
Appraisers	-	Overage	14.00
Bonds	4,995.30	Prepaid	1,525.00
Capital Improvement/Special Projects Fund	49,725	Rental Escrow	14,997.00
Computer Fees	50,262.87	Sheriff Fees	350.84
Court Fees	749,262.48	Towing & Storage	-
Excess Costs	2,741.46	Witness Fees	-
Full Claim	8,005.55		
Garnishment Fees	986.00	TOTAL RECEIPTS AND BALANCE FORWARD	2,887,650.60
Interest Earned	263.15		

Civil Division Financial Statement

Disbursements From January 1, 2004 – December 31, 2004

Previous Balance on Hand 12/31/2004	6,347.00
Previous Balance on Hand 12/31/2004- INT	-
Advanced Court Costs	2,157.99
Advertising	-
Agency Report	720.00
Appraisers	-
Bonds	3,988.48
Capital Improvement/Special Projects Fund	49,850.00
Computer Fees	50,367.87
Court Fees	748,243.30
Excess Costs	3,396.46
Full Claim	17,849.33
Garnishment Fees	1,190.00
Interest Earned	267.62

Judgments	1,763,376.11
Jury Demand	10,600.00
Legal Aid	117,302.89
Legal Aid (1%)	1,184.88
Marriage Fees	1,920.00
Money Released to Defendant	82,589.72
Motions	7,616.71
Overage	14.00
Prepaid	-
Rental Escrow	18,317.40
Sheriff Fees	350.84
Towing & Storage	-
Witness Fees	-
TOTAL DISBURSEMENT AND BALANCE FORWARD	2,887,650.60
TOTAL DISBURSEMENT PAID TO THE TREASURER, CITY OF CANTON	802,717.67

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